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trying for bread, and the beautiful fields of Valcourt afford a retreat for those who hold infelicitous, and indulge in a carnival of the passions, until at last they disengage from their own coils, and are scattered to the four winds of the earth. Augusta A. White, who lived on the free and easy plan of one Woodhouse, in Chicago, was so nearly crazed by the noise and confusion of the love better: She supplied the female element for the lustful Valcourt community, while her first love, Woodhouse, was snubbed by his superior officer, in the eyes of the world, one of her many persons, can call Paine's Memorial Hall, in Boston, probably, to scintillate in, and if Prof. Denton of Boston should be asked on the score of respect to the letter and not want to be, if Boston can be found to act as President, who is so thoroughly infatuated with the idea of free speech that he would allow a money bag to his opinion, even if the animal could only express his idea in grins.

The following letter explains itself:

HENRY D. WHITE, April 12, '75.

My dear Mr. White, I have your letter of the 12th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well.

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report of the Valcourt Free-love Community, you have a glimpse of the perilsous teachings of Moses Woodhouse, worse even than realization of the which's invocation.

"Fillet of a snaky snake"

In the cauldron boil and bake,

Eye of newt, and toe of frog,

Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,

Adroit of heart, and blind worm's sting,

For a charm of powerful trouble,

Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.

The Earthquake be Destroyed!

Superstition exists in this, the 19th century,

and possesses the human mind as it did

hundreds of years ago. One religious delusion

is a bludgeon, thereby making it holy;

another race breeds drunkards and, another

teaches the people to be as cruel as the

beasts; another does the convert, com-

pletely under, in order to make him ac-

ceptable to that. All these claims to preach

the truth, and to be the only truth, are

believe that on Monday evening, April 19th,

they will ascend heavenward, while this earth

and all that is on it, will be knocked into

atoms by the coming of the New Jerusalem,

which will be the only true religion, and

will contain none of the old, but will be

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Their experiences do not come in dreams, but when all concerned are wide awake. Nor do mediums select night, in order to work their marvels under cover of

the darkness, many of them having as strong a liking for daylight as Dr. Talmage himself, though if the whole thing be the result of imagination, the mediums—or witches,

as Dr. Talmage chooses to call them—have little, indeed, to do with the matter. If we are the victims of hallucinations, then no medi-

ums are required, since the "hot" mince pie, and the indigestion which follows, can accomplish everything that is required. The theory of imagination is, however, a thousand times

more absurd than the hypothesis of deception. To say that sober, respectable, rational, dispassionate, cool-headed, intelligent men, half-a-dozen at a time, imagine that they see things

which have no existence, is to set aside all the laws of evidence, and to render certainty in the most simple matters utterly impossible.

Bergeant Cox, who, bear in mind, is not a Spiritualist, says in reference to a large number of the facts and manifestations upon which Spiritualism is based: "Here is evidence which

in any court of justice in the world would be held to be conclusive proof of the fact asserted by the witnesses, whose honesty and capacity nobody has questioned. If so valuable a fact

as the motion of an untouched table can not be received on the testimony of so many observers, specially charged with the duty of notice and testifies truth in any matter must be

unattainable, and treatise on evidence a mockery. All the facts of Science must equally be denied, for not one of them is established by

better evidence than is this fact of motion without contact." Now, Sergeant Cox is a judge in a criminal court, and should be, therefore, tolerably competent to form an accurate

opinion of the value of evidence. What think you would be his opinion of a council who should endeavor to destroy the evidence of a number of intelligent and impartial witnesses

in a law case by declaring that they were suffering from a disordered imagination caused by eating too much mince pie, as was proved

by the fact that he himself ate pork chops for supper the night before, and dreamt that the Chancellor of the University of Oxford came to him, and pressed him for the loan of two-

III —SPIRITUALISM IS THE RESULT OF SOME

Dr. Talbot's remarks:  
 "Some of the performances of spiritual medi-

It appears, then, that there are phenomena

that can be accounted for neither by trickery nor by imagination, but will have to remain unexplained until some occult, and at present unknown, law is brought to light. We should

unknown law is brought to light. We should be glad to be informed what Dr. Talmage knows of this occult law, or the phenomena which it is supposed to be capable of explain-

ing. He has given abundant evidence that he is utterly ignorant of the nature of the manifestations that take place in spirit circles, and his opinion as to the agency by which they are

caused is as worthless as the first of the twaddle to be found in this wretched discourse. What does he know about occult laws of nature that may be beneficially demonstrated? Not

being demonstrated at present, he is clearly in no position to resort to them as explanations of anything. This theory of occult law we

have met with before—Dr. Talmage has but borrowed it for the occasion—and we have always considered it to be a miserable subterfuge for avoiding the conclusion to which a

It is read a book, has been found to have had a little of phosphoric acid, by the light of which anybody can read a book; and ventriloquism, and gesticulation, and slight-of-hand, and optical design accounts for everything. Deception is the basis of the whole. Spiritism is no wonder it causes the darkness."

Of course, this is all clear enough, and easy to be understood, and were this the only objection urged by Dr. Yalmage against Spiritism, it would have been sufficient to demolish his watercoats. The whole thing is solvable into a series of conjuring tricks, effected by means of slight-of-hand, or mechanical contrivances. Spiritualists are one-half bolts and the other half knaves, all the honesty and wisdom in the world being confined to the one-half knaves. The *Illustrated Spiritualist* has now, in its April publication this issue, two

are since, as titled, "Spirit Mediums and Conjurers," that this theory oflegerdemain is utterly incompetent to explain the phenomena that take place in the spirit circles. Probably Dr. Talmage has not seen my publication; I will not quarrel with him over this, but I will quarrel with this discourse. Not that it is very important, for, as we shall see presently, he discovers the conjuring theory himself. The statement about producing the letters on the iron by means of an iron pencil is copied, with slight alteration, from Dr. Carpenter. It is, however, preposterous in the extreme. It is not possible to produce such a hard substance, either iron or wood, as is here described. Let Dr. Talmage try the experiment for himself. Let him take a nail, or any piece of iron, in the form of certain letters, and

to compare the result with the writing that makes its appearance on the face of Mr. Foster, however, and he will find it strikingly unlike they are. Even were they, however, exactly similar, the former would form no explanation whatever of the latter, because in Mr. Foster's case the name appears of a deceased person of whom he has never heard. In the case of Luman Blanchard, who visited Mr. Foster when in that country, the name appears only in the friend's letter, and is known publically—the medium had no idea who his visitors were, and yet the name William Blanchard—i.e. Luman Blanchard's father—appeared upon Mr. Foster's arm, and afterwards the figures 27 came out upon his hand, in answer to the question of how many years he had been in the United States, the spirit world. The name, associated in the sequence of the visions

er faded away before their eyes. Clearly no story about scratching the arm with an iron pencil is of any avail here. And still more wonderful cases than this are recorded of Mr. Foster, as happening in Dr. Talmage's own country, on the authority of a man whose veracity is beyond question. One instance has been published by Dr. Eugene Crowell, of New York, which Dr. Talmage and other people who adopt the iron pencil theory would do well to consider. The case, as recorded by Dr. Crowell, is as follows:—He visited Mr. Foster unannounced and unexpected, and took the seat nearest saying to him, "I have a great deal to desire to see you." On Mr. Foster's remark without having the slightest idea to who his visitor was, Dr. Crowell wrote in a paper the question, "What is the name

my firstborn child?" Whereupon Mr. Foster bared his arm immediately, and there appeared upon the clear skin the letters "F. W. Talmage." The Doctor then took a pen and traced the correct initials of the name of the child to whom the question referred, and who had passed away at the age of about four years. Dr. Crowell inquired if the full name could be given, when the medium immediately seized a pencil, and wrote Eugene Wharton Crowell. The Doctor remarks in referring to this case, "This is the first time on this side the grave who knew the middle name, and the persons were the parents of the child," "that becomes of Dr. Talmage's iron pencil theory in the face of such facts as these?" The audience talked about the levers that moved the tables, the phosphoric acid, ventriloquism

the slightest trouble to investigate the subject would have seen the utter impossibility of detecting what are called spiritual phenomena by means of any kind of conjuring. To all who have seen these manifestations occur in our own houses, in the midst of our own families, in the midst of our own social, domestic, and mechanical contrivance, it is plain as daylight that any such thing as clairvoyance has anything to do with the matter is an insult to our intelligence. Dr. Salmagundy knows nothing whatever of the subject about which he talks, and his sermon is only another illustration of a very old spiritualist maxim: "A wise man and a fool; the wise man heard, investigated and decided; the fool decided."

II.—SPIRITUALISM IS A HALUCINATION FRIG

"You have seen strange and unconcomtable things in the night. Almost every man has at some time in his life. I have seen them myself. Some time ago, after I had been over tempted to eat something indigestible before retiring at night, and retiring I saw the president of one of the companies of the city of Baltimore, the Hon. John M. Smith he demanded of me a loan of five cents! Then I awakened I had no idea it was anything supernatural. And I have to advise you, you will bear and strange things, and I have to tell you, but mind and take a dose of my life medicine. It is an outraged physical organism, and not to deceive the very elect after sundown, and clearly see its work in the night. The witch and her hand her senses at night; so do all the witches.

This is to resolve the whirling into a disordered imagination. So, then, conjuring tricks after all, despite the parade that has been made of them, will not serve to aid in solving the problem. We should be glad to be informed, therefore, of the place of the same time/space objective trickery and subjective illusion. Dr. Talmage, in resorting to these methods of explanation, simply refutes himself. Had he adhered to one or the other, he might have clung to it and preserved his consistency; but in addressing the two contradictory "occurrences" and readings, he proves too much. Worse still, however, he has more theories yet, as we shall see as we proceed. Now what are we to understand by this miserable balderdash about "hot mizzeins," and "bilious medicines," elegant subjects,

Dr. Palmage was tempted to eat something indigestible—which is certainly not much to his credit; had he been a Spiritualist, he would probably have paid some attention to the laws of diet—and then went to bed and dreamed of retiring Frederick Douglass to the "house of the dead" for the loss of two-pence-half-penny. In the morning he awoke, and mild as he, tells us, the slightest idea that anything supernatural had occurred. Great careens! How marvellous, to be sure, to think that a man should eat too much supper and go to bed and dream of putting a man to the "house of the dead" and begging him to lend him a few coppers and not immediately conclude that something supernatural had happened! Verily, this Dr. Palmage must really be the *Sapientium ocellus*.

What has all this puppet twiddle to do with spiritualism? Indeed, one might ask with a good show of reason, what has it to do with religion? Spiritualists do not get their man-

All the facts of Science must equally be established, for not one of them is established by other evidence than is this fact of motion without contact." Now, Sergeant Cox is a lawyer, a criminal court, and should be, therefore, tolerably competent to form an accurate opinion of the evidence. It is not, however, my intention to be his opinion of a council who would endeavor to destroy the evidence of a number of intelligent and impartial witnesses in a law case by declaring that they were suffering from a disordered imagination caused by eating too much mince pie, as was proved by the history of the case. I was present at the supper the night before, and drank that the chancellor of the University of Oxford came to him, and pressed him for the loan of two-

He displays a war against Spiritualism. True, the believer might say, there are events in connection with the early history of Christianity, especially in the life of its Founder, which I do not explain by any natural law but which, nevertheless, are probably due to the same force which produces the events of Spiritualism. I would like to say that Dr. Talmage would call this the lament of all lame arguments. If you admit the facts, he would say, you are bound to accept the conclusions to which those facts inevitably lead. And he would be right. Eighteen hundred years ago occurred a series of events which could not be explained by any natural law, known or unknown, and which pointed unmistakably to the supernatural. To-day, similar events happen in our day, and to talk about explaining them by

my definition. I have mentioned belong to the same family. They are animists from the undeveloped world. He is a Hindu, a Buddhist, a Muslim. He thinks so severely of them that he ever speaks of them but with vivid thoughts of damnation. He says: "I will be a swift witness against them." He says: "Heaven has sent me a gift which is a whip to them." He says: "I will not make any important distinction between Christians and witchcraft. God says, in *Isaiah* 66:17, 'I will bring forth a people from Jerusalem, and they shall be called, the people of the Lord.' And He says again, 'The soul of the wicked man shall be hated of the Lord, and He will cut him off from among the people.' The Lord Almighty, in a score of places has expressed His indignation against all this great family of devils. After that, to be a Spiritualist is you

Here is a violent explosion for you. Spiritism is, it seems after all, what it professes (Continued on 85th page).





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